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Please find attached the English language translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report previously filed January 4, 2005, as issued in corresponding International Application No.: PCT/JP2003/008436. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of this submission.

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*



the international application as originally filed



the description:

pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
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pages _____, as originally filed
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- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/fig. _____

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International application No.

PCT/JP03/08436

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claim	4	YES
	Claims	1-3, 5	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claim	4	YES
	Claims	1-3, 5	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 63-302950 A (Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.) December 9, 1988

Document 2: JP 3-186346 A (Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd.) August 14, 1991

Document 3: JP 5-509033 A (Specialites et Techniques en Traitement de Surfaces-STTS) December 16, 1993

Document 4: Nolven Guilhaume, et al., Journal of Catalyst, Vol. 165, No. 2, 1997, p. 197-204

Based on the descriptions in documents 1-4 cited in the international search report, the inventions of claims 1-3 and 5 lack novelty.

Document 1 describes a catalyst for waste gas purification that contains a perovskite composite oxide represented by the general formula $A_{1-x}A'_xB_{1-y}B'_yO_3$, wherein A represents a rare earth metal, A' represents Ce or Pr, B represents Fe or Mn, and B' represents Rh, x represents 0.9 to 0.1 and y represents 0.9 to 0. It also states that this catalyst is carried by platinum. This catalyst is identical to the inventions of claims 1-3 and 5.

Document 2 describes a catalyst for waste gas purification that contains a perovskite composite oxide represented by the general formula $A_{1-x}A'_xB_{1-y}B'_yO_3$, wherein A represents a rare earth element, A' represents Ce, B represents Rh and B' represents Mn, Fe or Al, $0 < x \leq 0.6$, and $0 \leq y < 1$. This catalyst is identical to the inventions of claims 1-3.

Document 3 describes a catalyst for waste gas purification that contains a perovskite composite oxide represented by the general formula $L_xL'^{1-x}M_yM'^z\Phi_{1-y-z}O_3$, wherein L represents a Lanthanide or rare earth element, L' represents Ce, M represents Mn or Fe, M' represents Rh, $0 < x < 0.5$, $0.85 < y \leq 1$, and $0 < z < 0.08$. This catalyst is identical to the inventions of claims 1-3.

Document 4 describes a catalyst for waste gas purification that contains a perovskite composite oxide represented by the general formula $LaMn_{0.976}Rh_{0.024}O_{3+\delta}$. This catalyst is identical to the inventions of claims 1-3.

The invention of claim 4 is novel and involves an inventive step with respect to documents 1-4 cited in the international search report.

Documents 1-4 do not describe the catalyst for waste gas purification that contains a perovskite composite oxide of claim 4, and persons skilled in the art cannot easily conceive of that invention.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box I.5.:

At the time it was filed this international application disclosed only a catalyst for waste gas purification, and it did not make a general disclosure of catalyst compositions that are not restricted to waste gas purification. Therefore, the invention of claim 6 on page 25 and the amendment to page 3 are beyond the scope of disclosure of this international application at the time of filing.